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TO: President David Dooley  
FROM: David Byrd, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached RESOLUTION titled, Endorsement of Resolution relative to Board of Education Re-structuring, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This RESOLUTION was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 20, 2014.
3. Please indicate whether or not you support this resolution by completing the response below, provide an explanation for your position if applicable, and return the original copy.



David Byrd  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

March 21, 2014

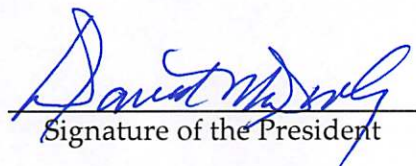
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TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Support ☒

Do Not Support ☐

Explanation attached ☐

  
Signature of the President

4.15.14  
(date)

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE**

***Report of the Executive Committee  
March 20, 2014***

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee recommends the following resolution relative to the Board of Education organizational re-structuring:

**RESOLVED:** The Faculty Senate urges the President and his Director of Legislative and Government Relations to work with legislators on behalf of the URI faculty to amend Section 2. Chapter 16-32-2.1 of Senate Bill S2265 and FY 2015 Budget Article 20 in order to clarify and affirm that the authority to create and consolidate departments, divisions, programs, and courses of study continues to originate with “president and a committee of the faculty of the university [Faculty Senate]” (RI General Law §16-32-10), in accordance with the principles of shared governance.

2014 -- S 2265  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, DaPonte, DiPalma, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: February 04, 2014

Referred To: Senate Education

(Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows: [excerpt]

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText14/SenateText14/S2265.pdf>

SECTION 2. Chapter 16-32 of the General Laws entitled "University of Rhode Island" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

**16-32-2.1. Additional powers of the President of the University.--** In addition to any powers granted to the president of the University of Rhode Island by law or regulation, **and subject to faculty committee co-governance pursuant to § 16-32-10\***, the president shall have the following additional powers and duties:

(a) To create, and consolidate departments, divisions, programs, and courses of study within the university with the assistance of the commissioner of postsecondary education within the approved role and scope adopted by the council on postsecondary education pursuant to § 16-59-4. Any new or proposed eliminations of departments, divisions, programs or courses of study that are outside the role and scope approved by the council shall require the review and approval of the council on postsecondary education.

(b) To adopt a budget for the university and submit it to the council on postsecondary education for approval.

(c) To be responsible for the general management of property of the university.

(d) To recommend to the council on postsecondary education, after consultation with the commissioner of postsecondary education, tables of organization for the university.



(e) To submit to the office of postsecondary commissioner and to compile and analyze the following information for presentation to the council on postsecondary education and the board of education annually by May 1 the following:

(1) A detailed departmental breakdown of all faculty members employed at the university by rank (including all professors, associate professors, assistant professors, lecturers, and instructors) and tenure (tenured and non-tenured, and other) and by race (African American, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian) and gender.

(2) A detailed report on current student enrollments for each class at the university by race and gender, by academic department, and by outreach program (e.g. talent development), guaranteed admissions program, and the current levels of funding and staff support for each of these programs.

(3) A report on the current status of the African and Afro-American studies programs at the university and a five (5) year budgetary history of the programs along with projections for budgetary support for the next two (2) years.

(4) A plan for recruitment of African American and Hispanic faculty into tenure track positions at each the university with specific reference to and planned involvement with the New England higher education's minority faculty recruitment and development plan.

(5) Certified copies of the report shall be furnished to the council of postsecondary education and the board of education.

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***\*State of Rhode Island General Laws, TITLE 16 Education, CHAPTER 16-32 University of Rhode Island, SECTION 16-32-10***

***§ 16-32-10 Award of degrees – Curriculum and government.*** – *The board of trustees, with the approval of the president and a committee of the faculty of the university, shall award academic degrees and diplomas and confer honors in the same manner as is customary in American colleges. It shall also be the duty of the president and a committee of the faculty, with the approval of the board of governors for higher education, to arrange courses of study conforming to all acts of Congress, and prescribe any qualifications for the admission of students and any rules of study, exercise, discipline, and government as the president and committee may deem proper.*